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Flood Response Update

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Assistant Fire Chief Dan Stolinski provided the following information on flood response activities at the daily press briefing:

- The Missouri River water elevation level is currently at 33.33 feet (flood stage is 29 feet). The estimates show by Tuesday, June 21st, the river will be at 33.1 feet. These estimates are provided by the National Weather Service.
- A 24-hour flood watch is still in place for the Missouri River.
- Volunteer sandbagging operations are taking place at Levi Carter Park and 18th & Chicago. Volunteers are needed at both locations.
- Work is being done to maintain access to Eppley Airfield via Abbott Drive. Supplemental pumps have been used for this location. Monitoring of the water levels is also continuing along Abbott Drive.
- Water pooling around the Grace Street/Nicholas Street area is being addressed by additional pumps and the initiation of a larger supplemental pumping system.
- Modifications are being made at the Burt/Izard pump station due to gates being closed on the river.
- Pumps are currently operating near Abbot Drive and the Grace Street ditch to keep both roadways open.
- Construction of a pumping system continues at the Magellan Tank Farm. Two pumps are operating and by the end of the day five pumps are expected to be on line.
- A pipe is being fixed near the Qwest Center that caused the pooling of water in the Parking Lot D.
- Operations continue at the Missouri Waste Water Treatment Facility to shape the dry side of the newly constructed levee. This work is nearly complete.
- Planned activities for the next 24-72 hours include-
 1. Dewatering the Magellan facility will be increased over the next few days with up to 9 large-capacity pumps coming on line.
 2. Installing additional large-capacity pumps and re-routing water in the area of the Burt/Izard pump station.
 3. Monitoring the areas behind the levees for any water table increases.

The Douglas County Emergency Management Agency has sponsored a website dedicated to the 2011 Missouri River Flood: www.omahaflood.org.

Residents seeking answers to flood-related questions can also call 2-1-1.

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